



**Five Star Area  
Catholic Community**

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# Who We Are

- ★ Christ the King – Browerville
- ★ Saint Mary of Mount Carmel – Long Prairie
- ★ Saint Joseph – Clarissa
- ★ Saint Joseph – Grey Eagle
- ★ Saint John the Baptist - Swanville



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St Mary of Mount Carmel  
Long Prairie

***“All Are Welcome  
In This Place”***



Christ the King, Browerville



St Joseph, Grey Eagle



St John the Baptist, Swanville



St Joseph, Clarissa

# Five Star ACC – what's in a name

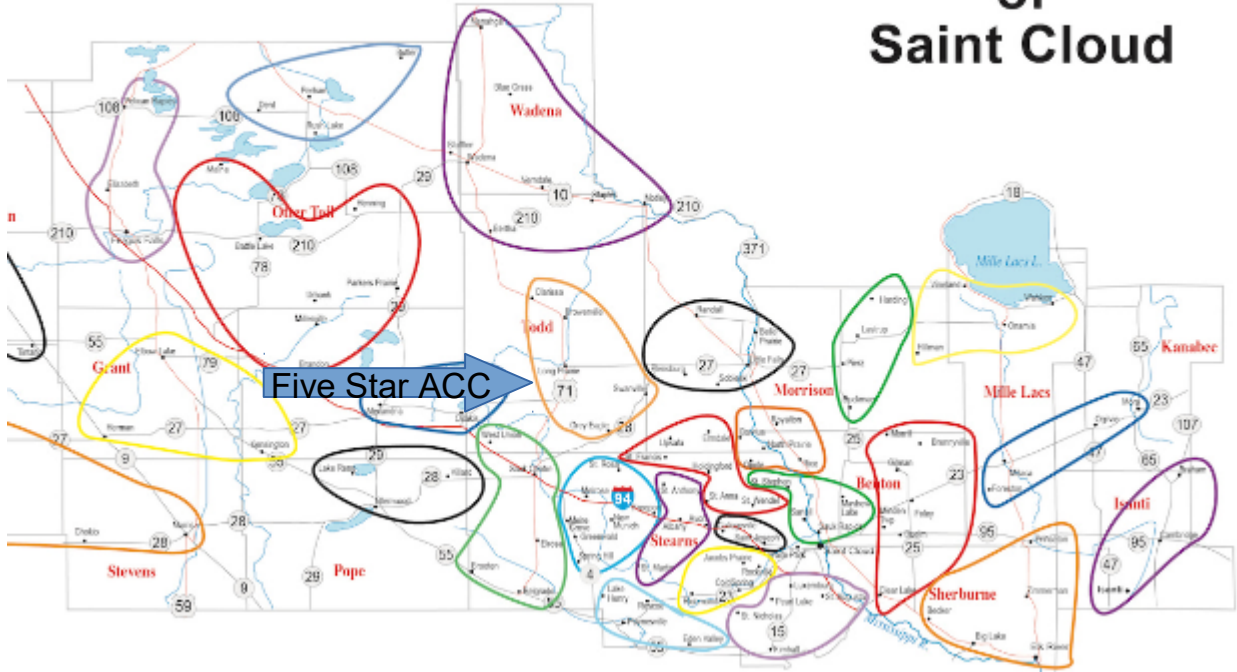
- Jesus Christ is the Light of the World, and we are His stars. Therefore, with God's help, we shall strive to illuminate our world through the light of God's Truth and the radiance of our good deeds.



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# Location

**Diocese of  
Saint Cloud**



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# Successes in ACC – what are we proud of, what have we accomplished?

- ★ Combined Bulletin
- ★ Combined Website
- ★ Moving toward one platform for financial accounting
- ★ Some parishes using new tool of communications – Evangelus for notifications
- ★ The five parishes work together in a cohesive manner
- ★ ACC liturgy committee
- ★ Parishes work to find ways to ease the load on the priests
- ★ Shared masses across the ACC
- ★ Healing mass

To meet the sacramental needs and support the prayer life of those within the Five Star Area Catholic Community by coming together on scheduling masses



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# Challenges with ACC – what do we struggle with?

- ★ Fear of losing parish identity/individuality
- ★ Mass times
- ★ Losing Church/closing a Church
- ★ Hiring a Business Manager
- ★ Hiring a DRE
- ★ Communicating ACC information with all parishioners, all parishes
- ★ Travel time to meet new mass schedules



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# Are we listening? - how do we hear our people of the ACC?

- ★ Individual Parish Finance Council meetings have been a place to bring concerns
- ★ With the new priests living in the same parish house, this should lessen the confusion, keep the message clear
- ★ Discerning a better way to communicate with the ACC parishioners
- ★ Need for bilingual bulletin – need to communicate better with Hispanic Community
- ★ Idea to have more diversity on the ACC council
- ★ Respectful of each others ideas and thoughts
- ★ Thought of rearranging the bulletin, to have ACC information on first page



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# How are we nurturing a Eucharist Spiritually?

- ★ Totus Tuus – upcoming
- ★ Shared ACC Masses
- ★ Hispanic Masses
- ★ Bilingual Masses
- ★ Healing Mass
- ★ Pro Life Speaker
- ★ Planning ACC Mission
- ★ Rural Life Mass
- ★ National Eucharistic Revival
- ★ Adoration at Each Parish
- ★ Rosary at the Cross
- ★ Combined Confirmation Retreats, Some combined Confirmation
- ★ Childrens Masses at the Schools
- ★ Nursing Home masses



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# Leadership – How are we building future leaders?

- ★The ACC recognizes we need to work on this area
- ★We have a number of priests from ACC, and a future seminarian
- ★Parishioners attending EMMAUS training
- ★Fortunate to have Deacons – need to tap into their resources and expertise
- ★Important to have stability, but new and fresh ideas are also important!



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# Our Schools – What role do they play?

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- ★ Schools provide a leadership role for future catholic leaders
- ★ Schools are a great mission for the parish
- ★ Schools help build the community of faith



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# St. Mary of Mount Carmel – Long Prairie



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# Christ the King- Browerville



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# Priorities to build a cohesive mission?

- ★ Support each others festivals, fundraisers, etc.
- ★ Share more information of ACC
- ★ Provide more opportunities for parishioners to have input
- ★ Develop mission statement
- ★ Create a welcoming environment – program for new families, babies, weddings
- ★ Get more parishioners involved in ministries



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# 1 Corinthians 12 12-31

## One Body, with Many Parts

“For just as the body is one and has many parts, and all the parts of the body, though many, are one body, so it is with Christ..



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